

STATE NEWS

March 5th is the date of Palm Beach county's initial fair.

Fort Lauderdale will celebrate the connecting of the east and west coasts by canal on January 1st.

January 5, 1912, has been announced as Florida Arbor Day and will be observed by public schools.

Tallahassee's \$50,000 bond election last week for city improvements carried by a vote of 49 to 15.

The petition for a wet election in Leon county was turned down by the commissioners for lack of legal signatures.

The track of the Ocala Northern has reached Palatka city limits and its completion will be celebrated in grand style in a short while.

Minnie Sykes, a white woman 35 years old living at Tampa, suicided last Friday when her soldier lover was discharged and went away.

W. R. Graham, a former member of the Tampa fire department who was lately released from the chain gang for larceny, is now wanted for highway robbery.

The Osceola grand jury failed to indict the two old Shakers for assisting a dying member "out of this life" and State's attorney J. C. Jones is going to have it done over by the next grand jury.

The entire plant of the Wilson Cypress Co. at Palatka was ruined by fire at 6:45 Monday morning, throwing several hundred men out of employment. No stock was destroyed and the plant was insured.

The Plant City Courier says the man who heralded the information to a hungry world that "boiled skunk" was a most delightful and toothsome delicacy must have had years of experience as a mixer in Florida politics.

For the third time the \$200,000 damage suit of John T. Hammond, a former grocer of Orlando, against the Consolidated Grocery Co. and other members of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, will be heard before Judge Locke, in the U. S. court, this month.

H. E. Wild, an Arcadia merchant who shot and killed Fletcher Ingram in defense of his home six months ago, was bailed out, and soon after forced into bankruptcy, went violently insane the day the grand jury indicted him for murder last week.

Postal Savings Bonds in denominations of \$20, \$100 and \$500 will be issued by the Government January 1st, 1912, and any depositor in the Postal Savings Bank may exchange a part or the whole of his deposits for bonds, which bear 2 1/2 per cent interest in semi-annual payments.

Visit that Florida farmer who looks after his hogs and cattle, who has a few gums of bees, a grove, a truck patch and the smokestack of his little one-horse cane mill belching forth fumes of smoke from a furnace that is evaporating cane juice to the consistency of an incomparable grade of syrup, and you'll find the happiest and most contented being that treads the grand arena prepared by God for man's earthly enjoyment.

Buy land, young man, buy land and go to farming! There's too blamed many business men, professors, sports, experts, lawyers, gentlemen, advisers and critics—and real meddlers in other people's business—besides you. Get you a strip of land, shuck off your time-price fine clothes and stenna laundry shirt and collar and earn your living by the sweat of your brow and gain the confidence and respect of all worthy people.—Clinton Gazette.

We carry everything that men wear in the finest quality to be had in the markets of the world. In addition to mens wearing apparel we have also added quite a line of ladies ready made garments, Shoes, Hosiery etc.

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PULLING THE COURT'S LEG.

A Practice the English Judge Did His Best to Discourage.

The following remarkable judgment was delivered some years ago by a magistrate in one of the English colonies:

"Pa-hua is hereby charged with having on the 11th of January followed the court on his rising and while said court was in the act of mounting into its buggy came from behind and, seizing the court's dangling leg, the other foot being on the step, forcibly pulled back the court, frightened the horse and nearly caused an accident. The reason alleged for this by accused is that he wanted to hear the result of an application of his. The practice by petitioners of pulling the courts by the legs is one that should be discouraged. Accused only says he is a poor man, admitting the truth of the complaint. He is sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment."

Strange to relate, the lieutenant governor of the province on reading this sentence felt it necessary to intimate to the magistrate that neither the sentence itself nor the peculiar phraseology in which it was couched was calculated to meet with approval from minds running in legal grooves.

Bernes and Its Bears.

Berne is surrounded by the blue green river Aare, and seven bridges cross into the picturesque suburbs; the view of the Alps is one of the finest to be had. One may walk through the streets of Berne, writes an American visitor, and find constant surprises. The odd fountains will be observed with interest. They were mostly built in the sixteenth century. There are a number of public institutions worth a visit—the historical museum, museum of industry and the museums of art and nature; several libraries and the public gardens, which contain the great bear pit so universally known, to say nothing of the quaint gates and the headquarters of the Postal union. Bears have been kept on public exhibition in Berne since 1480 in commemoration of the killing of one by the Duke of Zähringen on the site of the town.

TOMB IN A TOWER.

A Remarkable Edifice, the Whim of a Wealthy Tea Planter.

Near the well known seaport of Southampton, England, there is a remarkable edifice known as Petersen's tower. The erection is all the more singular because it marks the burying place of a certain John Petersen, a wealthy tea planter.

The man appears to have been rather an eccentric individual, and in order to prove to the world his belief in concrete as a building material set about the construction of this great tower. The building took many years to complete, but is entirely of concrete and by the time the final layers had been placed had reached an altitude of more than 300 feet. It is about forty years since the tower was erected, and its present condition is certainly a justification of the faith of the builder.

As has been indicated, Petersen left instructions that his body should be placed under the tower, and this was accordingly carried out. Another desire that the chamber at the summit should contain a light was defeated by the firm stand which Trinity House, the lighthouse authority, took on the matter. Such an illumination would have been visible for miles out to sea and would naturally have proved very misleading to sailors.—Scientific American.

When the Guitar Arrived.

The advent of the English guitar in the eighteenth century caused the disappearance of bandoras, poliphants and similar wire strung instruments, or, rather, it supplanted them, for, owing to the use of fingers, the English guitar, though smaller, could be used for accompanying the voice as well as for solo performances. The instrument, which had a decorative appearance, is frequently depicted in the portraiture of the eighteenth century. It was made in various sizes, two of the smaller "to be managed by young ladies from seven to ten years of age, the other by ladies of ten and upward."

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